Re: Dean Andrews

MEMORANDUM

April 22, 1969

R.: DEAN ANDREWS

THORNLEY

TO:

JAMES L. ALCOCK, Exec. Assistant District Attorney

FROM:

CAPTAIN FRED A. SQULE, SR.

RE:

INTERVIEW WITH AL CLARK

Item # 2

In answer to a subpoena I interviewed AL CLARK who gave his correct name as ALFORD GRAYSON CLARK. He appeared to be relaxed and inferred that he would like to be cooperative. He stated that the WEISBURG Report is correct except that CLINT BOLTON was never the owner but an employee of AL CLARK. CLARK stated that BOLTON is no longer affiliated with Preservation Hall but is employed by The Vieux Carre Carrier, a French Quarter weekly publication.

Another point of error is that AL CLARK was not certain that DEAN ANDREWS introduced him to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated that this could have happened, but he is not certain because he knows DEAN ANDREWS well and did meet LEE HARVEY OSWALD at Preservation Hall. Elaborating further on this point he stated that he sometimes confused OSWALD with GORDON NOVELL who DEAN ANDREWS introduced to him in regard to having a segment of Preservation Hall displayed at the New York Worlds Fair.

CLARK verified the fact that he told WEISBERG that BOOTSIE GAY was conducting some business at G. WRAY GILL's office and she saw a chart, that had belonged to DAVE FERRIE that indicated an assassination plot.

ALFORD G. CLARK stated he would gladly cooperate and stated his business address is Dixieland Hall, 522 Bourbon Street, phone number 523-9887.

He indicated that BOOTSIE GAY's correct name is CLARA FLOURNOY GAY who is a white female about 60 and that she is employed at Max Hill Painting Suppliers located 621 St. Peter Street, phone number 523-3132.

A D.A. Notice will be sent to her.

CAPT, FRED A. SOULE, SR.

Marro dated 3/29/69

MEMORANDUM

January 25, 1968

TO:

LOUIS IVON, Chief Investigator

+ Ra! SHAW

FROM:

GARY SANDERS, Investigator (as "CLAY BERTMAND")(p.2)

ELMER RENFROE 324 Exchange Place New Orleans, La.

+ Re: DEAN ANDREWS (p.2)

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MEMORANDUM

October 21, 1968

(and associate) Re: OSWALD R. THORNLEY

JIM GARRISON, District Attorney A: RUSY

FROM:

ANDREW SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney

TRAVEL TO MONROE, LOUISIANA

Steve Bordelon and I traveled to Monroe, Louisiana, in an effort to locate our deaf mute and GAIL HALL and talk to BARBARA MESSINA. Because of certain complications, our travel was not an overwhelming success, however, some substantial contacts were made for future reference.

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BARBARA MESSINA who resides at 1507 Spencer Street, Monroe, Louisiana, phone number 387-6410, had previously told AUBREY YOUNG that she did have occasion to meet JACK RUBY in (1963) She said that RUBY called her several times. She said that she had occasion to have dinner with JACK RUBY several times. She also said that on these occasions she was picked up by an (elderly gray-haired man in a Cadillac) and taken to meet RUBY.

She does not know the name of the driver and AUBREY did not have any pictures to show her. She also said that RUBY had a nice looking young man with him on these occasions. She also said that she happened to meet a person whose picture she saw on television after the assassination. She does not know any of the people's names. She said that RUBY offered to get her a job in Dallas with a doctor.

We tried to locate BARBARA MESSINA for two days but no one answered her phone and AUBREY said that he thought that she had left town because she was terribly frightened and knew that we were on our way up to see her.

We contacted SHERIFF BILL CAUSEY in regard to GAIL HALI and he said that the name was not familiar to him. He did refer us to ROY LEA LINER who runs a shoe repair shop at 1208 Cypress Street in W. Monroe, Louisiana, phone number 323-2970. LINER's parents are deaf mutes and he holds classes for the deaf mutes in the Monroe area. I gave him all the information that we had on our deaf mute and he said that he would make an effort to locate him for us.

SHORTY BELL who runs the Red Ball Pool Hall at 5709 Desaird Street is another person who has some contact with the deaf community, and who is attempting to help us.

We talked with JACK HESNI who runs the Majestic Hotel on Sixth and Desaird Street in Monroe and he said that to his knowledge he knows of no deaf mute who has stayed at the hotel. He said that he has a big turnover in night clerks and perhaps they may have seen or heard of the deaf mute, but that he hasn't.

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MEMORANDUM

December 7, 1967

RA: OSWALD

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RE: THORNLEY

JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

JAMES L. ALCOCK, Assistant District Attorney FROM:

RE:

TO:

EDWARD JULIUS GIRNOS, Prison #A-90428-A

EDWARD JULIUS GIRNUS was interviewed at the United State Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 5, 1967. He was in that institution for a violation of the Dyer Act (interstate transportation of stolen vehicles). GIRNUS stated he owed the State of Virginia 28 years for various unspecified criminal violations.

As GIRNUS recalls, he was released from the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, on January 11, 1963 -- his rap sheet indicates he was released on February 14, 1963. He was in that institution for interstate transportation of a forged instrument. Immediately upon his release, GIRNUS moved to Pasadena, Texas, which is just outside of Houston. Being on 21 month conditional release, he had to report to a federal parole officer every thirty days. While in Pasadena he used the name of EDWARD STARK.

Sometime in February or early March, 1963, GIRNUS made a trip to New Orleans. He was down here looking for some old friends. He stayed at a hotel one block off of Canal Street, on or near North Rampart Street. He did not find the persons he was looking for so he returned to Pasadena, Texas. While he stayed in Pasadena, he lived on South Randal Street. He couldn't recall the street number.

In March, 1963, GIRNUS moved to Waco, Texas. While there he lived with a woman, not his wife, at 1806 Independence Avenue.

Sometime in March or April, 1963, GIRNUS moved to Dallas, Texas. He was still with the woman he met in Waco, and he stayed at the St. George Hotel. The St. George is on Elm Street two blocks from the Records building. At this time he was using the name EDWARD STARK almost exclusively. During this period GIRNUS was charged with embezzlement from a gunsmith who owned two gun shops in Dallas. (GIRNUS' rap sheet shows an embezzlement charge was nolle prossed in Dallas on May 18, 1964). Also during this stay in Dallas, GIRNUS, using the name of STARK, frequented the Theatre lounge, Circus lounge and the Diamond Horseshoe lounge. JACK RUBY allegedly owned one of these lounges.

GIRNUS associated with some of the strippers from these clubs. Most of these girls stayed at the Blue Bonnet Hotel on Commerce Street. Through his association with these people and these clubs, GIRNUS met a friend of JACK RUBY's who was interested in buying guns. This man, who GIRNUS would not identify, was associated with a rabid right-wing group who had access to large amounts of money. GIRNUS also met a man from New Orleans through this group who was interested in purchasing guns. As a result of a conversation with the man from New Orleans, GIRNUS moved to Leesville, Louisiana, GIRNUS would not identify this man from New Orleans.

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GIRNUS went to Leesville in a pickup truck he had purchased in Oak Cliff using the name of RITTNER. RITTNER is supposed to be an engineer from New Orleans. GIRNUS had somehow gotten his identification papers.

GIRNUS arrived in Leesville sometime in early April, 1963. He moved in with a woman who owned a bar and gambling joint by the name of Marie's Hideaway. The woman's first name was MARIE. While in Leesville, GIRNUS became associated with an organization known as the Democratic Club. The membership of the club consisted of both military and civilian personnel. The organization used a private club named the Ponderosa for their functions.

At this time, GIRNUS was buying and selling guns. He bought most of his guns from some military men he had met at the club. During this time he shot a sergeant, but paid \$800 and no charges were pressed. The sergeant's name was FOWLER and after the shooting he was transferred to Fort Sam Houston in Texas. GIRNUS made several trips to New Orleans with the guns and ammunition. He thought the guns were ending up ultimately in Central America.

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On one of these trips to New Orleans in May or June, 1963, GIRNUS met CLAY SHAW. On this particular trip GIRNUS, using the name of EDWARD STARK, stayed at a big hotel which had a street-level garage facing Chartres Street. The garage was at the back of the hotel and it was near the Alpine Restaurant and Bal. GIRNUS met SHAW in the Alpine Restaurant and Bar. He was introduced to SHAW by a man who owns an apartment house on Exchange Alley or Place. This apartment building has a courtyard. The man who owns it is a homosexual. He is short, fat, wears glasses, bald and everytime GIRNUS saw him he was wearing bermuda shorts and sometimes he would be walking a dog.

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When GIRNUS met SHAW on this occasion, he was with a group of people. A man who owned a bar in the Quarter by the name of MAXIE WOOD or WOODS was in the group. Also, there was a woman who was either presently WOOD(S) wife or ex-wife. She also owned a bar. A New Orleans Police Sergeant who owned a cafe or bar was also present. The police officer was heavy set with brown hair. He did not wear glasses.

SHAW spoke to GIRNUS a little while, and during the conversation invited GIRNUS (STARK) to his home in (Hammond, Louisiana) GIRNUS felt that everyone in the group knew of his gun running activities

About 8 or 9 days after this initial meeting with SHAW, GIRNUS returned to New Orleans from Leesville. He stayed at a motel on the Airline Highway, but he cannot remember its name. He went to a bar in the Quarter -- the one the woman at the Alpine bar owned -- and met a man who he deemed to be the manager. He and this man (name and description unknown) went by car to an office in a building in the central business district near Sears Roebuck.

SHAW : OSWALD: SHAW was in the office and they started talking about guns. SHAW allegedly knew some people who wanted to buy some guns. SHAW made a telephone call, and sometime thereafter two men came to the office. One of the men was LEE HARVEY OSWALD. OSWALD was introduced by SHAW to GIRNUS as LEE. GIRNUS cannot remember the name of the man who came in with OSWALD. He was well dressed in a business suit, 5'll" tall, 210 pounds, and he had dark black hair. OSWALD was wearing khaki pants and a white shirt. This meeting took place sometime before noon, however, GIRNUS cannot remember the day of the week.

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This conversation centered principally on Central and South America — the best way to get there and the general living conditions. GIRNUS, who said he had traveled quite a bit in Central America, told OSWALD what he knew about these countries. Suddenly, at this point in the interview, GIRNUS told me he did not want to give me any more datails. He said the institution (penitentiary) bugged him, and he did not want to talk any further lest he get himself into a storm. (He was obviously committing crimes in this area, and was fearful of prosecution). He said he did not realize I would be taking down everything he said. He told me he would have someone in Atlanta send me a picture of two people. One of the persons in the picture was LEE OSWALD. He said the picture was taken in Mexico. Additionally, he was sending me an FAA flight plan which would be self explanatory and helpful in our investigation. FERRIE allegedly had something to do with the flight recorded on the flight plan.

I assured him we were only interested in facts that aided us in our investigation, but he still refused to go on with a fact-detailing interview. So I put my pad away, and engaged him in general conversation about the prison. During this conversation I was able to elicit a few more facts.

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The last time GIRNUS saw OSWALD was when he drove him to Catulla, Texas. This trip took place sometime in September, 1963) While in Catulla, GIRNUS introduced OSWALD to a friend of his who was an ex-Mexican army man. OSWALD and GIRNUS' friend went into Mexico through Laredo, Texas. Their trip had something to do with getting OSWALD'a passport.

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GIRNUS attended several parties where SHAW was present. At least one of these took place in Hammond, Louisiana GIRNUS thought it was SHAW's home, but he was not sure of this. OSWALD was at this particular party which took place in a large colonial brick house which had a big yard all around it.

Though GIRNUS terminated this particular interview abruptly and at a crucial time, I feel he will talk to me further.

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(From PORTLAND, OREGON,
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CREMAN or home address. -Shaw Visited Here In November, 1953

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By JAMES LONG
Journal Staff Writer

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September 26, 1967

New Orleans, La.

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Tear Mr. Darrison,

The below maked can checked into a hotel where I work as might cashlar. He talked in the coffee bar for perhaps an hour about what a rotten deal you gave Mr. Perrie, verbally berated you and your attempt to shed some light on the Kenned, killing, and said several times, quite knowledgably, that "sure I'm sure. Oswald wasn't alone, but Garrison is barking up the wrong tree?

Wr. Viller, the man I'm writing about, was "touring the lest Coast in savesh of artiques," but when I mentioned the show/place hare in the "orthwest for leth century furnishings, is shrugged it off as unimportant (people have come from all over the world to see the furnishings of the Denson Notel in Portland, Gregon. He went on to say that he was planning to ge to London immediately agon his return to the Bast coast. He said that he was NOT an antique dealer professionally.

Mr. Filler is about medium height (5'11''), sparse sandy hair (fairly long), and is graceful in speech and carriage almost to the point of being effeninate. He sooke as if he and Mr. Forrie were on first name terms. One of the staff commended on his almost TOTAL lack of masculinity and vendered aloud if he might be avoiding New Orleans or La. for any reason. the man said several times that he would certainly like to live in New Orleans ("it's such a heautiful gity") and yet his reg. card, filled out in his own hand, lists him as a resident.

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Commission report.
Thank you for your time.

Rolling Gudson

Robert M. Hudson
PS If you should have need to contact me, please do so at my home
address. #29 Slucridge Dr. Astoria, Oregon

LD 2866



JIM GARRISON

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PARISH OF ORLEANS
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August 31, 1967



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Mr. Edward Girnus No. 90428 United States Penitentiary Atlanta, Georgia

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Since we are not in receipt of any voluntary information from you, we are soliciting your cooperation in this matter mainly to determine if this confidential information is true and correct and, if so, to gain your complete confidence in assisting this office.

The main points of this confidential information stated that you have knowledge about <u>Clay Shaw</u> as <u>Clay Bertrand</u> and also Lambert. It further relates to a Sanchez Diaz.

We feel that if these facts are true, you could greatly assist this office. Your prompt reply in this matter will be appreciated.

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Very truly yours,

C. J. NAVARRE Investigator District Attorney's Office

CJN/bb

Bax P. M. B 90428 Sept. 7, 1967 C. J. Navarre. 2700 Julane aue. Ro: SHAW Ro: SHAW (ON BERTHAMN") n.o. L.a. 70119 Dear Sir: Your letter arrived yesterday, however I could not telephone you as they do not allow it here. I don't know what information you possess or how you arguired it, but I can say this: yes I knew both of them under various nom de plumes and at various places such as Hammond, Lake Charles, Oak Cliff and Mexico, however I do not care to discuss it then the mails of you should be in atlanta in the future and would come out here I would talk to you. I remain, Edward J. Livus 90428 Box P. M.B. attanto, Ga. 30315



JIM GARRISON -

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PARISH OF ORLEANS
STATE OF LOUISIANA
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We feel that if these facts are true, you could greatly assist this office. Your prompt reply in this matter will be appreciated.

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MEMORANDUM

September 18, 1967

TO:

JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM:

JAMES L. ALCOCK, Assistant District Attorney

RE:

EDWARD JAMES WHALEN, W/M 43

F.B.I. #346-8982

Edward James Whalen was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on December 10, 1923. He left school after the 9th grade to help support his family. From that time on he has consistently been in trouble with the law, and has spent most of his adult life in prison. His specialty seems to be armed robbery and burglary. He has served time in the state penitentiary in Pennsylvania three times and has been semtenced to the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Georgia once. Since March, 1965, he has twice been declared incompetent to stand trial in the Federal Courts by members of the staff at the United States Medical Center for federal prisoners at Springfield, Missouri. Whalen also stated that he had received some psychiatric treatment at the state penitentiary in Pennsylvania. He is presently awaiting a competency hearing on a federal charge of assaulting a United States Marshal and escape.

After being paroled on December 10, 1964 from the Pennsylvania state penitentiary at Huntington, Pennsylvania, Edward Whalen went to Philadelphia to spend some time with his family. While there he became involved in some very serious criminal activity, and had to leave town immediately. He stole a car in upstate Pennsylvania and drove to Columbus, Ohio where he met a friend of his who told him he could make some big money. His friend, whose name he would not give me, placed a call to DAVID FERRIE in New Orleans. WHALEN spoke to FERRIE and FERRIE asked him to come to New Orleans. Before leaving Columbus, WHALEN was told that the big money was to be made by hitting the Jung Hotel and a small jewelry store at the intersection of Baronne and Gravier Streets. WHALEN definitely recalls being in Columbus on February 21, 1965.

EDWARD WHALEN drove to New Orleans in the car he stole in Pennsylvania. It was a 1964 Chevrolet Impala hardtop. This car was abandoned in New Orleans immediately upon WHALEN's arrival. Shortly after his arrival in New Orleans, WHALEN met DAVE FERRIE at the Absinthe House on Bourbon Street. FERRIE, who was shabbily dressed, appeared intoxicated to WHALEN. At this first meeting, FERRIE spoke of his flying ability. WHALEN told FERRIE he needed money since he was on the run from the police. FERRIE assured him he could earn a large sum of money, and, if need be, he, FERRIE, would fly him out of the country. This first

Survey Count FERRIE actually telling

meeting lasted about 30 minutes without FERRIE actually telling whalen the specific details of his plan.

After this meeting, WHALEN spent the night at an apartment provided by FERRIE. The apartment, as WHALEN recalls, was located near or on Carrollton Avenue hear its intersection with Tulane Avenue. FERRIE also provided WHALEN with a 1953 black Calaxie Ford for his use while he was in town. WHALEN was to meet FERRIE and someone else at the Absinthe House the next night at about 11:45 P.M.

night. Shortly thereafter, FERRIE and CDAY SHAW arrived and FERRIE introduced SHAW to WHALEN. At this time, SHAW was introduced as CLAY SHAW. At this meeting FERRIE did most of the talking. WHALEN felt SHAW was sizing him up. During the course of the conversation, FERRIE referred to SHAW as CLAY BERTRAND. SHAW became obviously traited but said nothing directly to FERRIE. Upon leaving the bar, all three drove to FERRIE's apartment in the car being used by WHALEN.

As WHALEN now recalls, FERRIE's apartment was on Louisiana Boulevard and it was a two-story structure with a screened front porch. They entered the rear of the first floor apartment and remained in that apartment the entire time. However, WHALEN recalls FERRIE going upstairs occasionally by the use of a stairway in the room next to the one they were using. WHALEN also remembers PERRY RUSSO walking through the room on one occasion. However, he did not say anything to anyone in the room. WHALEN stated that the furniture in the apartment was old and inexpensive. Also, that the apartment was in a generally shabby condition.

WHALEN to do for his money - they wanted someone killed. SHAW was to pay WHALEN ten thousand dollars before the job was done and another fifteen thousand dollars after its completion. Upon completion of the job, SHAW was to provide WHALEN with a phony passport and (PERRIE) was to fly him to Mexico. SHAW stated that the man to be killed was going to be a witness against him for something that had been done some time in the past and that if this man was not killed he would put SHAW in the penitentiary for a long time. The intended victim's name was not mentioned at this time. WHALEN wanted no part of the deal, but he pretended to string along. Before leaving, SHAW gave: WHALEN three hundred dollars spending money.

WHALEN spent that night at a motel on Tulane Avenue near the Fontainebleau. He did not use his real name to register and cannot remember the one he used.

The next day, FERRIE met WHALEN at/Moran's Restaurant at 10:30 in the morning. FERRIE suggested they take a ride and talk. While in the car FERRIE asked WHALEN if he had ever heard of Jim Garrison. WHALEN said he had not. FERRIE then told WHALEN that Garrison was the District Attorney, and that this was the man SHAW and he wanted killed. WHALEN at this time told FERRIE he wanted absolutely nothing to do with the deal. FERRIE attempted to talk WHALEN into going throught with the plan, but WHALEN persisted that he would not have anything to do with it. They then

rted with the agreement to meet the next night at the Absinthe nouse. WHALEN spent that night at a motel on the Airline Highway. He does not remember the name of the motel or the name he registered under.

might as planned. From there they went directly to SHAW's apartment in the 1300 block of Dauphing Street. WHALEN remembered the apartment was on the first floor but not the color of the front door. He did not remember the courtyard until specifically asked about it. He does not recall any of the interior of the apartment except that it was very lavish.

Af first only SHAW, FERRIE and WHALEN were in the apartment, and SHAW and FERRIE were trying to persuade WHALEN to go through with the plan. About one half hour after WHALEN's and FERRIE's arrival, a short fat man wearing dark glasses arrived. This man was introduced to WHALEN by SHAW as DEAN ANDREWS. ANDREWS and SHAW had some conversation away from FERRIE and WHALEN, and shortly thereafter ANDREWS left the apartment. SHAW then returned to WHALEN and continued to try to persuade him. SHAW said that he had done some checking on WHALEN and that he knew of WHALEN's crippled daughter - she suffered from polio. SHAW said that if WHALEN would go through with the plan he would get WHALEN's daughter the finest medical treatment money could buy, and also see to it that she was sent to college. However, WHALEN insisted that he would not kill a District Attorney, and he and FERRIE left.

Once outside, FERRIE told WHALEN that CLAY BERTRADD could do a lot for him and that he was making a mistake. Also at this time FERRIE spoke of LEE OSWALD. He said that SHAW (BERTRAND) had done a lot for OSWALD, and that it was only because OSWALD fouled up that he was killed. He intimated that SHAW had given OSWALD some financial support and had contacted some people in Cuba and Mexico for him.

JOHN TOWER of Texas and DANTE MAROCHINI FERRIE boasted that he had set up the assassination of John Kennedy. WHALEN stated that he did not believe these statements. He felt FERRIE was merely boasting and name—dropping in an attempt to get him to change his mind. FERRIE also mentioned the meeting between SHAN. JACK RUBY, and LEE HARVEY OSWALD in Baton Rouge, Louisiana FERRIE stated that OSWALD was an agent of the CIA and received money from them at one time. He seemed to take pleasure from the irony of the fact that OSWALD had worked for a United States Government agency at one time and that he later killed the leader of that government.

FERRIE also stated that they had been given "inside" information from DEAN ANDREWS that Jim Garrison was about to start an investigation into the assassination of President John F Kennedy. WHALEN insisted he wanted nothing to do with the plan and he left.

That night, the night before Mardi Gras 1965, WHALEN caught a plane for Atlanta, Georgia. That very month he committed an armed robbery of a Federal Savings and Loan Association in West Palm Beach, Florida, and was apprehended. He was convicted of that armed robbery and sentenced to twelve years at the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, However, his conviction was reversed and

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te being transported back to Miami for retrial, he escaped. He s quickly recaptured and since then has been bouncing back and orth between the Duval County jail in Tacksonville, Florida and the Onited States Medical Center at Springfield, Missouria It was at Springfield that he was twice found not competent to stand trial. WHALEN told the doctors that people were putting things in his food, and that the court, defense and prosecution attorneys and SENATOR JOHN TOWER of Texas were all conspiring against him.

EDWARD JAMES WHALEN identified the following pictures:

- 1. PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO
- 2. DAVID W. FERRIE standing by an airplane.
- 3. DEAN ANDREWS
- 4. CLAY SHAW
- 5. LEE HARVEY OSWALD
- 6. JACK RUBY

EDWARD JAMES WHALEN did not identify the following

pictures:

JACK MARTIN GORDON NOVEL LAYTON MARTENS H. H. ANDERSON SERGIO ARCACHA SMITH GERALD SEELING SYLVIO RIBETRO DE CARVAL ALVIN BEAUBOUEF & BURTON KLEIN MARIO BURMUDEZ PEDRO GUTTIERREZ JERRY P. HEMMING ROY HARDGRAVES JAMES LEWALLEN THOMAS COX WILLIAM DALZELL CELSO HERNANDEZ JAMES HICKS LEOPOLDO GUAJARDO DIAZ LANZ STEVE PLOTKIN WILLIAM SEYMOUR DALLAS BENTON GUTHRIE

JAMES PHELAN JULES KIMBLE IRVIN DYMOND BILL GURVICH WILLIAM BLACKMAN DAVID GENTRY DON DOOTY ROBERTO CORTEZ JESUS GUAJARDO SANDRA MOFFETT BATILLO (F.N.U.) JOSE DE ROMARI UNKNOWN WILLIAM ZETZMANN DONA MARIE D'ANTONI LAWRENCE HOWARD LORAN HALL GUY GALABADIN (& 3 other w/subjs. in military uniforms (USMC) CARLOS BRINGUIER JULIAN BUZNEDO

WHALEN'S attorney is THOMAS S. BIGGS. JR. Barnett Bank Building, Jacksonville, Florida - telephone 354-3645. MEMORANDUM

April 22, 1969

R: DEAN ANDREWS

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TO:

JAMES L. ALCOCK, Exec. Assistant District Attorney

FROM:

CAPTAIN FRED A. SOULE, SR.

RE:

INTERVIEW WITH AL CLARK

Item # 2

In answer to a subpoena I interviewed AL CLARK who gave his correct name as ALFORD GRAYSON CLARK. He appeared to be relaxed and inferred that he would like to be cooperative. He stated that the WEISBURG Report is correct except that CLINT BOLTON was never the owner but an employee of AL CLARK. CLARK stated that BOLTON is no longer affiliated with Preservation Hall but is employed by The Vieux Carre Carrier, a French Quarter weekly publication.

Another point of error is that AL CLARK was not certain that DEAN ANDREWS introduced him to LEE HARVEY OSWALD. He stated that this could have happened, but he is not certain because he knows DEAN ANDREWS well and did meet LEE HARVEY OSWALD at Preservation Hall. Elaborating further on this point he stated that he sometimes confused OSWALD with GORDON NOVELL who DEAN ANDREWS introduced to him in regard to having a segment of Preservation Hall displayed at the New York Worlds Fair.

CLARK verified the fact that he told WEISBERG that BOOTSIE GAY was conducting some business at G. WRAY GILL's office and she saw a chart, that had belonged to DAVE FERRIE that indicated an assassination plot.

ALFORD G. CLARK stated he would gladly cooperate and stated his business address is Dixieland Hall, 522 Bourbon Street, phone number 523-9887.

He indicated that BOOTSIE GAY's correct name is CLARA FLOURMOY CAY who is a white female about 60 and that she is employed at Max Hill Painting Suppliers located 621 St. Peter Street, phone number 523-3132.

A D.A. Notice will be sent to her.

CAPY. FRED A. SOULE, SR.

Marine dated 3/23/69.

<u>M E M O R A N D U M</u>

Ra: OSWALD Ra: SHAW (BernoducWains) Ro: ANDREWS

April 21, 1969

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: AMDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney

RE: SHAW LEADs - 2) Mamo dated 3/28/69

Capt. Soule and I interviewed AL CLARK today in regard to his previous statement that he had given to WEISBERG. According to WEISBERG's statement CLARK said that ANDREWS introduced OSWALD to him in the Summer of 1963 at Dixieland Hall. Today CLARK said that WEISBERG was trying to put words in his mouth and what he actually told WEISBERG was that OSWALD looked familiar to him and that it was possible that he may have seen him around Dixieland Hall or the Bourbon House. However, he said that he cannot definitely say that he has ever seen OSWALD and he cannot definitely say that ANDREWS introduced OSWALD to him at Dixieland Hall.

He said that he did see ANDREWS and GORDON NOVEL together at Dixieland Hall on several occasions. NOVEL was trying to work out some kind of deal for the World's Fair and ANDREWS was his attorney.

CLARK said he met SHAW on two or three occasions. The first time he met SHAW was at a party which was given at BERNADAS-WEISS Art Studio (now called Studio Jewells). BERNADAS and WEISS were giving the party in honor of some author who had just written a book. He said he does not remember the author or the book now. He said he also saw SHAW again at an art show which was held at the International House for PATTI BANNISTER (PATTI BANNISTER is married to GUY BANNISTER's nephew).

CLARK said he met KERRY THORNLEY on one occasion and that was when THORNLEY came to town as a result of our Grand Jury subposna. He said he met THORNLEY through CLINT BOLTON.

CLARK said he knows BOOTSIE GAY but does not know JOHN DOTT.

ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA

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